developmental activities is shared on 75:25 basis between the Government of India and the State/UT Governments.

(c) During the last two years, no Central assistance has been sanctioned to the State Government of Tamil Nadu under the above scheme as they are having an unspent balance of Rs. 25.42 lakhs released to them during the year 2002-03.

MSP for Millet

†2059. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to increase the support price of millet;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government have given instruction to Food Corporation of India with regard to direct purchase of millet from farmers at the said support price; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) The Government has announced the Price Policy for Kharif Crops of 2005-06 Season including millets, on 20th April, 2005. Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for millets namely Bajra and Jowar have been fixed at Rs. 525 per quintal each compared to Rs. 515 per quintal each fixed for 2004-05 season.

(b) and (c) Procurement of coarse grains including Bajra and Jowar, from farmers under price support operations is presently being entirely undertaken by the State Governments and their Agencies.

Demand and supply of fodder

2060. DR. M. A. M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a huge gap between demand and supply of fodder in the country;

(b) if so, the present demand and supply of fodder in the country; State-wise;

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.